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The Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa was inaugurated in the year 1898 by Lady Edgar, President of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, the first President being Mrs. G. E. Foster.

OBJECTS.

The objects of the Society are the encouragement of the study of Canadian history and literature, the collection and preservation of Canadian historical records and relics, and the fostering of Canadian loyalty and patriotism.

MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting of the Society is held each year on the 29th day of March, the anniversary of the passing of the British North America Act.

The regular meetings are held on the Second Friday of each month, October to March inclusive, in the Public Library, at 3.30 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Membership Fee is fifty cents annually.

The Society is affiliated with the Royal Society of Canada, the National Council of Women, the Ontario Historical Society, and the Historical Landmarks Association.

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CONSTITUTION OF
THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF OTTAWA.

"Love Thou Thy Land."

Article 1, Title.—The organization shall be known as the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa.

Article 2, Objects.—The objects of the Women's Canadian Historical Society are the encouragement of the study of Canadian History and Literature, the collection and preservation of Canadian historical records and relics, and the fostering of Canadian loyalty and patriotism.

Article 3, Membership.—(a) Active membership shall be conditional upon the payment of the annual fee, and upon the submitting of name and address to the Treasurer.

(b) Honorary membership shall be complimentary.

Article 4, Officers.—The general officers of the Society shall consist of a President, four or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Librarian, who with ten members elected by the Society shall form an Executive Committee to control and provide for the general interests of the Society. The President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

Article 5, Fees.—The Annual Fee shall be fifty cents.

Article 6, Federation.—This Society may federate with other Societies of like purpose, or which offer specific advantages if a majority vote of a regular meeting shall so decide, on a recommendation from the Executive.

Article 7, Amendments.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting; notice of proposed amendment or alteration having been handed in to the Executive in writing one month previous to the Annual Meeting.

Article 8, Policy.—Neither political parties nor religious denominations shall be recognized in the business or membership of the Society, loyalty and patriotism being alone recognized and required.

STANDING ORDERS.

No. 1, Meetings.—(a) The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the 29th day of March, the anniversary of the passing of the British North America Act. Such Meeting shall be for the election of officers, and for the transaction of general business.

(b) The Society shall hold its regular Meetings on the second Friday of each month unless otherwise ordered by the Executive. Open Meetings may be held as deemed advisable.

(c) The President shall call a Meeting at any time for special business, or upon the written request of five members of the Society.

(d) Twelve members shall constitute a quorum at any regular Meeting, and five members shall constitute a quorum at any Meeting of the Executive.

(e) The Meetings of the Executive shall be held on the Monday preceding the general Meeting at 10.30 a.m.

(f) In the event of the absence from any Meeting of the President, and Vice-President, the members shall be entitled to elect a presiding officer.

No. 2, Resolutions.—All motions and resolutions at a general Meeting must be presented to the Secretary in writing.

No. 3, Publications.—All correspondence and papers intended for publication must be submitted to the Executive, before being published in any paper, pamphlet or periodical over the name of the Society.

No. 4, Duties of Officers.—(a) The President shall preside at all Meetings of the Society, and conduct them after the prescribed order of business. In the absence of the President, a Vice-President or other presiding officer elected by the Meeting shall preside.

(b) The Recording Secretary shall issue all notices, keep correct minutes, read said minutes at next regular Meeting, keep a correct list of members, have charge of Press Notices and shall present a report at the Annual Meeting.

(c) The Coresponding Secretary shall have charge of all correspondence and present a report at the Annual Meeting.

(d) The Treasurer shall receive all fees and other monies, disbursing the same by order of the Executive and shall present a report at the Annual Meeting. All amounts exceeding one dollar shall be paid by cheque, which shall be initialed by the President.

(e) The Librarian shall have charge, and keep a catalogue of all books, pamphlets or other printed matter belonging to the same Society, loaning the same on application of responsible members; and shall present a report at the Annual Meeting.

(f) The Auditor shall examine the Treasurer's accounts before they are submitted to the Annual Meeting.

No. 5, Committees.—Standing committees and sub-committees may be appointed by the Executive as may be found necessary for the efficient carrying on of the business of the Society. Each of such committees shall appoint a convener, who shall present a report to the Executive.

No. 6, Elections.—The Officers shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. Should any officer be unable to complete her year, the Executive shall have power to elect her substitute.

No. 7, Amendments.—These standing orders may be amended or added to at any of the regular Meetings of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at a previous Meeting.

No. 8, Order of Business.—(a) The order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:—

1. Minutes of previous Meeting.
2. Correspondence.
3. President's Remarks.

4. Appointment of members of the Society as Returning Tellers for the voting.
5. Annual Report of Secretaries.
6. Annual Report of Treasurer.
7. Annual Report of Librarian.
8. Appointment of Auditor.
9. Election of Officers.
10. Amendments to Constitution.
11. Other Business.

(b) The order of business at a general Meeting shall be as follows:—

1. Reading of Minutes.
2. Report of Executive Committee.
3. Business arising out of Minutes.
4. Correspondence.
5. Treasurer's Statement.
6. Librarian's Report.
7. New Business.
8. Papers and Addresses.

(c) The order of business at open Meetings shall be arranged by the Executive.

(d) The order of business for Executive Meetings shall be as follows:—

1. Minutes.
2. Business arising out of Minutes.
3. Correspondence.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Librarian's Report.
6. Report of Conveners.
7. New Business.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF OTTAWA WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The History of Canada has been made with marvellous rapidity since the Autumn of 1914, by the ready response of her men to the call of the Mother country; by the only less notable response of her citizens to the appeal for money to carry on Patriotic work, by the sinking of party differences likely to cause dissension among the representatives of the people; by the unanimous decision to lengthen the parliamentary term that the thoughts of the electorate might not be diverted from the pressing needs of the time; by the action of the British Cabinet in requesting the Canadian Premier, while in England, to be present at a meeting in Council; by the heroism of her officers and men on the battlefields of Europe and by the silent reminders erected to the memory of the heroes who have fallen in the strife. And when the History is written, it is hoped that some mention will be made of the brave women, who, with a smile on the lip, and resolve in the heart to bear all things, believing no sacrifice too great to secure freedom for the oppressed, and liberty to succeeding generations, have sent their loved ones to endure hardships, perhaps suffering and death, that Armageddon may be won.

The records of the Society show that nine executive, one public, and six general meetings have been held during the year.

At the Annual Meeting Lady Sifton was elected President, succeeding the late Mrs. Thos. Ahearn. Lady Sifton, whose sons have been at the front, was called to England in January, on account of the serious illness of Capt. Victor Sifton who was wounded. Lady Foster, Hon. Vice-President kindly consented to act for Lady Sifton during her absence.

On March 29th the following Resolution was passed:—"That the W.C.H.S. of Ottawa draw the attention of the Landmarks Association to the fact that the site is yet unmarked on Major's Hill Park of the house occupied by Lt.-Col. J. By, R.E., the builder of the Rideau Canal and founder of Ottawa, when chosen in 1857 by Queen Victoria as the National Capital, and request their

co-operation in the suitable marking of the same, probably by a brass tablet to be attached to the stones—now in the Archives—taken out of the arch at Sappers' Bridge when it was demolished, said stones ~~to~~ bear respectively the following inscription "Coat of Arms of British R. E. and Lt.-Col. John By, R.E., 1827-1832."

These stones with brass tablet attached were unveiled on the afternoon of May 27th, by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, under the auspices of the Landmarks Association.

On the same afternoon, the International Boundary Post, referred to and described in last year's Report, erected on Nepean Point, by kind permission of Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, was unveiled by H. R. H. A brass tablet bearing among other data the name of Mrs. Thos. Ahearn, President, was affixed to the Post.

Dr. Coyne addressed H. R. H. on behalf of the Society, and Mrs. Quain, who with Mrs. Billings made all arrangements in connection with the ceremony, handed the card attached to the drapery, to H. R. H.

The first Meeting of the season was held on Thursday, Nov. 4th, at 8.15 p.m. in St. George's Parish Hall, and was open to the public. Hon. J. A. Lougheed presided, and before introducing the speaker, congratulated the Society referring to the great benefit it conferred on the community.

Sir Clifford Sifton addressed the audience on "Some Historical Reflections Relating to the War," saying in part "That although people may have a knowledge of facts of History, they are not so careful to apply that knowledge in their own lives." He described the principles of constitutional liberty, without which there would be little in life worth having, and traced the origin and growth of that liberty among the nations of Europe during 2000 years. Many of those nations are now engaged in a deadly struggle to maintain that liberty, for no matter what are the ostensible reasons given for the war the real reason underlying all others is the struggle of despotism against constitutional liberty. Sir Clifford closed his address with an eloquent appeal to all Canadians to stand by the Motherland in money and men.

Better to pay than to fail, and whatever History may yet be made of Canada, no brighter pages will be written than those describing the response of Canadians in this crucial time."

Before the address, Mr. Dickenson, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Gormully, sang "My Gentle Child." Mr. Arnold Thompson contributed a recruiting song "Half A Million More" written by Miss Mildred Low, Ottawa, and set to music by Mr. J. Neville, also of Ottawa.

The programme was brought to a close by patriotic piano selections rendered by Lieut. Mason.

Through the courtesy of a friend of the Society, 500 copies of Sir C. Sifton's address were printed, free of cost. These have been mailed to places in Canada where they will be of most value and to those in the U. S. on the Exchange List.

The first general meeting was held on Nov. 12th, when Mrs. I. J. Christie gave an address on "Causes of the War," quoting from Bernhardi's "Germany and the Next War," and from Prince von Buelow's work, evidence from both sources justifying the belief that when Germany built her first dreadnought she declared war.

At the December meeting, Mrs. J. B. Simpson read a paper, written by Mrs. T. P. Foran on the History of Glengarry.

Starting at the time of the earliest settlement of the county, its growth and advancement were traced up to the present time. The first white settlers to remain were Scotchmen who came from N. Y. State with Sir John Johnson in 1784. In 1786 the first immigrants reached Glengarry under the guidance of Rev. Alex. Macdonald. An interesting feature in connection with the paper was the exhibition of an old sword used by Capt. John Hay—a relative of Mrs. Foran—in the war of 1812. An old gun and the diary of Capt. Hay's father were also on view.

Mrs. P. T. Kirwan gave a short synopsis of the first five volumes of "Current History" showing the point of view of a number of contributors on the present war.

In January Mrs. J. L. McDougall gave a carefully prepared paper on the war of 1812 between the U.S. and Canada referring

more particularly to the different accounts as published in U. S. school histories and those of Canada.

Miss Drysdale presented a resume of the opinions of prominent people as published in Vol. VI. of "Current History." The attitude of the leaders of nations in the great world conflict was dealt with, and comment on the situation in the Dardanelles reviewed.

The paper for the afternoon at the February meeting was given by Mrs. J. B. Simpson, entitled "Reminiscences of Ottawa, Before and After it was the Capital." Among other facts, it was noted that the first white child born—1816—in what is now Ottawa, was a daughter of John Burroughs—grandfather of Lady Sifton.

An excursion which took place in July, 1866, covering five days to Chats' Falls, Arnprior extending as far as "Des Joachims," was given by the Upper Ottawa Improvement Co. to Senators, Members of Parliament and prominent citizens. On that excursion a resolution was passed giving expression to the hope that the Government would see its way clear to open up navigation to Lake Huron and make possible an Ottawa Ship Canal—now known as Georgian Bay Canal.

Reference was made to the disastrous fire which partially destroyed the beautiful main Parliament Buildings.

Several articles associated with the early days of Ottawa were on view, as well as two pictures, loaned by members.

Mrs. Billings read by request two of her own poems, which were heartily received, "Ottawa" written and published before the fire and "Vandalism" composed and published afterwards.

Mrs. Gullock read extracts from "Ashmead Bartlett's Despatches from the Dardanelles."

On March 10th, Mrs. S. J. McLean gave an unique paper on the University of Toronto, describing in detail the attitude of that seat of learning toward the war. The University has sent twelve hundred undergraduates and eighty professors to fight for liberty and justice, of whom thirty-six have already laid down

their lives. A war hospital has been equipped which the Government has establshed at Saloniki, and which is kept equipped with Red Cross necessaries, by the women students. The University was established in 1843 when twenty-three students enrolled—there are now four thousand.

Mrs. G. H. Newcomb read a chapter from Sir Max Aitken's book "Canada in Flanders," in which he describes the heroism of Canadian officers and men on the battlefields of Europe.

Mrs. Billings was appointed accredited delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society—which was to have been held at Toronto in June, but which was changed to a business meeting, owing to unsettled conditions, incident to the war.

The Recording Secretary represented the Society and read a condensed report of the year's work, at the Annual Meeting of the Royal Society held at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa in May.

The special committee on Revision of the Constitution suggested several alterations and additions, which were approved by the Executive and recommended to and adopted by the Society.

Mrs. J. Lorne McDougall packed a box of reading matter (contributed by members) which was shipped to the soldiers overseas, through the Red Cross Society, as a donation from the Women's Canadian Historical Society.

The Society also sent a large number of magazines, books and games donated by members, as a contribution towards the furnishing of the Sir Sanford Fleming Convalescent Home.

We are indebted to Mr. J. D. Fraser for his kindness in auditing the Society's accounts.

Thanks are due the Press for many kindly notices throughout the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. A. GULLOCK,
Hon. Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE W. C. H. S. OF OTTAWA FOR SEASON OF 1915-16.

In glancing backward over the past turbulent months, one is prone to wonder how it is possible to induce the mind to work in any channel, other than that of helping, as best we can, the cause in which we are all so interested, still, in the case of this Society, history is in the making, and we women are recording it, with care and conscientiousness, that it may go down, truthfully, to future generations.

Owing no doubt to the abnormal conditions existing during the last year and a half, and the nervous, unsettled state of people's minds in general, more in particular, those who are in any way connected—and who is not?—with the titanic struggle for supremacy by land and sea, for National liberty and justice, the amount of correspondence in some quarters has been lessened, while in others, greatly increased.

The regular routine work of the Society has been carried on as in past years, reports and transactions circulated, and acknowledgments received. Invitations to various Conferences sent to us, have been, through stress of circumstances, declined with courteous thanks, and hopes for future representation.

Among our newer correspondents may be mentioned, "The Western Reserve Historical Society," "The Washington Historical Quarterly," "Society, Sons of the Revolution."

The Library of Congress, Washington, is an old and valued friend, and during the year, the usual courtesies of giving and receiving have proceeded with due regularity.

Other Libraries and Societies on our ever-lengthening Exchange List, "State Library of Mass," "The John Crerar Library of Chicago," "The Western Reserve H.S. of Cleveland, Ohio," "The Kent H.S.," "The Royal Colonial Institute, London, Eng.," "The Geological Survey of Canada," "The Carnegie Public Library, Ottawa," "The Royal Society of Canada," "The Ontario H.S.," "The Legislative Library of the Province of Manitoba,"

"The Essex H.S.," "The Waterloo H.S.," "Niagara H.S.," "The Brant H.S.," "Lennox and Addington H.S.," "The New York H.S."

Among those who have tendered us the honour of their mailing list, are The Washington Historical Quarterly," "Society, Sons of the Revolution," both during the past year, by the way have been most assiduous in their attentions—and also, "The Western Reserve H.S."

Communications in connection with the distribution of Sir Clifford Sifton's Address, given at our opening meeting in November, were received from Mr. James Reilly, Parliament Buildings, Edmonton, Toronto Public Schools, per Henry J. Baker, "Last Post" Imperial and Military Fund, and M.P. Langstaff, Actuary of the Dominion Life Assurance Company of Waterloo, Ont.

On the 17th of May, an invitation was received from the General Secretary of the Historic Landmarks Association, requesting the pleasure of the presence of Lady Sifton, and the members of the W.C.H.S. of Ottawa, at the unveiling of the Memorial Tablet, on Major's Hill, to Lt.-Col. John By, R.E., founder of our City, and builder of the Rideau Canal, the ceremony to take place at 4.30 o'clock on the afternoon of May 27th. The invitation was accepted, and everything possible done by the Society in the matter of assistance, to ensure the successful carrying out of the scheme. On the 31st of May, the following letter was received by your Secretary,

> "Dear Madam, On behalf of our Association, I am instructed to write to express our thanks, for the kind assistance and co-operation, in every manner, and in every particular, given by your Society, during our annual meeting in Ottawa this month: we are convinced we have a great work to do, which eventually will be of the utmost mutual value; but we know we will have to count on the assistance of every local Society in the

Dominion to bring our work to the fullest completion; therefore your good will and aid, so freely granted, are most heartily and sincerely appreciated.

(Signed) Yours faithfully,

PEMBERTON SMITH."

On the same fair May afternoon as the Col. By monument was unveiled, but an hour later, through the kind consideration and courtesy of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught—who performed the ceremony—a monument in the form of an iron Boundary Post to the memory of our late President, Mrs. Thomas Ahearn, was unveiled.

With reference to the arrangements which were made in connection with the ceremony, too much cannot be said of the untiring efforts of Mrs. Redmond Quain, but for whose perseverance and energy, it could not have been consummated at such an auspicious time.

In January, a letter was received from the Secretary of the London and Middlesex H.S. enclosing a resolution—moved by Professor Deerness, and seconded by Mrs. Campbell—to the effect, that their Society strongly approved of the proposal to name the loftiest peak of British America "The Edith Cavell Mountain" and begging our Society to co-operate in the matter.

Your Secretary having obtained information from a member of the Geographic Board of Canada, that the very highest peak had already been named for the noted Paleontologist, Sir William Logan, but that it was the intention of the Board to take proper steps toward the furtherance of so important a matter; this information was by order of your Executive communicated immediately to them.

In November, the following letter was received from Government House,

"To Mrs. Braddish Billings,

Dear Madam, I am desired by H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught, to ask you to thank the President and Executive committee of the W.C.H.S. of Ottawa for sending

the Report for 1914-15, and the latest volume of the Transactions, which interested H.R.H. to see, and also to know of the meeting to be held on the 4th.

Yours faithfully,

CLEMENTINA ADAM,

Lady-in-Waiting.

Notes of appreciation and thanks were received from Lady Foster, Mrs. L. N. Rheaume and Mrs. Redmond Quain acknowledging sympathy and flowers, on occasions of illness. Death, too, claimed two valued members, Mrs. J. J. McDonald and Mrs. W. Carden Cousens.

In regard to the question of housing our embryonic Library, we had a communication from Mr. W. J. Sykes, Librarian of the Ottawa Public Library explaining fully the lines on which an arrangement could be entered into, by which our books would be cared for; as it would practically mean the handing over of our treasures for all time, we decided that it would be undesirable, and the question is still in abeyance.

We have been approached by several local Societies with a view to our rendering assistance, in various undertakings. The Canadian Branch of the St. John's Ambulance Association asked that we furnish a room in the Sir Sandford Fleming Convalescent Home; as this Society however, is not a money-making institution, we were unable to assist in this way, but we donated a large quantity of books, magazines and games, all of which were much appreciated.

The Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Association of Architects begged our assistance and co-operation in connection with an exhibition of Architectural drawings, in aid of the Red Cross Society; this, we were not in a position to do.

In the matter of the Patriotic edition of the Ottawa Free Press, undertaken by the Ottawa Women's Canadian Club, we did what we could in the way of sending greetings and loaning a photograph of Lady Sifton, for publication in that special edition.

Letters were received from Sir Clifford Sifton, in connection with the opening meeting of November 4th, from the Hon. Senator Lougheed, on the same subject, and from the President of the Ontario H.S. who on July 5th, sent the following letter:—

> "My dear Mrs. Billings. Allow me to congratulate your Society on your Annual Report for 1915. It has just come to hand and contains the material such a report should have; and the form and appearance are first class. When one receives a little volume of this kind, it makes one feel that he would like to have every other Society in the Province copy the example. Please extend to your Officers and members, my hearty congratulations on the work which you have done during the past year. With kindest regards, believe me,
>
> Yours very sincerely,
>
> CLARENCE M. WARNER."

Letters such as the foregoing, containing praise for our work, are worth recording: we have gone on, sometimes under difficulties, steadily and surely gaining ground, toward the goal we have set. But,

> "The heights by great men reached, and kept,
> Were not attained by sudden flight,
> But they, while their companions slept,
> Were toiling upward in the night."

March 29th, 1916.

C. E. BILLINGS.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OTTAWA FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank 29th March, 1915	$ 59.60
Members' Fees for Current Season	42.00
Members' Fees Arrears	9.00
Sale of Transactions	8.45
Bank Interest	2.69
Government Grant	200.00
	$321.74

EXPENSES.

Opening Meeting:—			
Rent of Hall	$7.00		
Advertising	3.98		
Florist	2.25		
		$ 13.23	
Postcards		12.50	
Postage		10.00	
Note Paper		6.50	
Printing 400 copies Reports		66.00	
Printing Transactions, Vol. VI. 500 copies		200.00	
Typewriting		.90	
Fee, Women's Council		2.00	
			$311.13
Balance in Bank			$ 10.61

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LINA GAINSFORD ROTHWELL,
Honorary Treasurer.

Certified Correct:

James D. Fraser, Auditor.

Ottawa, 28th March, 1916.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN FOR 1915-16.

The following books, papers, pamphlets, etc., have been received and catalogued since our last Annual Meeting:—

Annual Report of the Ontario Historical Society, 1914-15.

Annual Report of York Pioneer Historical Society, 1915.

Annual Report of Historical Landmarks Association of Canada, 1915.

Third Annual Report of Waterloo Historical Society.

Sixth Annual Report of Thunder Bay Historical Society.

Twentieth Annual Report of Niagara Historical Society.

Papers and Addresses Kent Historical Society, 1915, Vol. II.

Archaeological Report for 1914, from Toronto.

Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada, Geological Sciences, 1915.

Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada, Mathematical Sciences, 1915.

Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada, Literature and History, 1915.

Washington Historical Quarterly.

Report of Library of Congress, 1915, Washington.

James Sprount Historical Publications from North Carolina Historical Society.

Historical Origins of Imperial Federation by E. A. Smillie, M.A., McGill University.

Reminiscences of Early Settlers from Niagara Historical Society.

Names Only but Much More, No. 27, by Janet Carnochan.

The Proudfoot Papers from London and Middlesex Historical Society, Part VI.

Missouri Historical Review.

"The Triumph of Triumphs," by J. M. Harper.

The Great War, Speech by Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, M.P.

"Story of the Hurons," by E. J. Hathaway.

"Story of the Old Stone Chimney," by Hon. Peter Porter.

Liberty Bell, from Los Angeles, California.

News of California.

Los Angeles To-Day.

Los Angeles City and Country.

Last Post, from Montreal.

First Parliament of Upper Canada, by Janet Carnochan.

Our Annual Report has been sent to all our Exchange List and circulated at our regular meetings.

Five hundred volumes of our last Transactions, Vol. VI. "Treaties Relating to Canada," 1632-1871 have been published, our Exhange List supplied and a number sold.

Full sets of our Transactions, that is VI. Vols. have been presented to Sheriff Richardson, Mr. Harold Fisher, Miss Noulan, Madawaska, Training School, Maine.

The sons of the Revolution, Los Angeles, California.

Vol. VI. was sent to H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught, Dr. Robertson, Madame Rheaume and Miss Jamieson, Ottawa.

Two volumes of Vol. VI. to the Inspector of Public Libraries, Toronto.

Five hundred copies of Sir Clifford Sifton's Patriotic Address were sent to our society for distribution.

This address entitled "Some Historical Reflections Relating to the War," was delivered at the opening meeting of our society, November 4th, 1915.

Respectfully submitted,

EVA G. READ, Librarian.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OTTAWA.

1. First Constitution, with list of members, 1898.
2. Catalogue of first Loan Exhibit, 1899.
3. Catalogue of second Loan Exhibit, 1907.
4. Constitution, revised, 1910.
5. "Historical Sketch of the One Hundredth Prince of Wales Royal Canadian Regiment."
6. "Original of the Cornwall and Williamsburg Canals."
7. "Lachine Canal."
8. Transactions, Vol. I. "Early History of Ottawa and Counties, etc."
9. Transactions, Vol. II. "The Waterways of Canada."
10. Transactions, Vol. III. "Early History of Ottawa and Hull."
11. Transactions, Vol. IV. "Early History of Townships, etc."
12. Transactions, Vol. V. "The Battlegrounds of Canada."
13. Report of first decade, 1908-9.
14. Annual Report, 1909-10.
15. Annual Report, 1910-11.
16. Annual Report, 1911-12.
17. Annual Report, 1912-13.
18. Annual Report, 1913-14.
19. Transactions, Vol. I. Reprint.

EXCHANGE LIST.

Archives, Dominion, Ottawa.
Archives, Provincial, Toronto.
American Historical Association.
Brant Historical Society.
Buffalo Historical Society.
Boston State Library.
Champlain Society.
Department of Education, Toronto.
Essex Historical Society.
Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute.
Huron Institute.
Historical Landmarks Association.
Iowa State Historical Society.
John Crerar Library, Chicago.
Kansas State Historical Society.
Kent Historical Society.
London and Middlesex Historical Socity.
Lundy's Lane Historical Society.
Lennox and Addington Historical Society.
Literary and Historical Society, Quebec.
Library of Parliament, Ottawa.
Library of Congress, Washington.
McGill University, Montreal.
Manitoba Provincial Library.
Mississquoi Historical Society.
Massachusetts Historical Society.
Missouri State Historical Society.
New Brunswick Historical Society.
Nova Scotia Historical Society.
Niagara Historical Society.
New York Historical Association.
New Hampshire State Library.
Ontario Parliamentary Library.
Ontario Historical Society.
Ottawa Carnegie Library.
Royal Society of Canada.
Royal Colonial Institute, London, England.
Royal Academy of History, etc., Stockholm.
Thunder Bay Historical Society.
Texas State Historical Society.
United Empire Loyalist Association.
University of Toronto.
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie.
Women's Wentworth Historical Society.
Women's Canadian Historical Society, Toronto.
Women's Elgin Historical Society.
Waterloo Historical Society.
Wisconsin Historical Society.
York Pioneer Historical Society.
Inspector Ontario Public Libraries, Toronto.